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MEMORANDUM

TO: C. T. Beechwood
Regional Sanitary Engineer

FROM: Albert W. Wills, P.E., Chief *A.W.W.*
Division of Sanitary Engineering

SUBJECT: Industrial Wastes
Boarhead Corporation
Bridgeton Township, Bucks County

On March 5, 1973, a search warrant was obtained for a detailed inspection of the subject establishment the president of which is Mr. Manfred DeRewal. The inspection was conducted on March 5, 1973, by Trooper L. F. Powell, Barry Passmore, EPS with this Department, Wayne Lynn, Solid Waste Coordinator, Region I, DER, Dave Lindorff, Geologist, DER, and Soil Scientist John Zwalinski of DER. Mr. Manfred DeRewal accompanied us during most of the inspection of the Boarhead Corporation.

Our inspection revealed serious water pollution violations exist at the site. Specifically, numerous barrels and bags of toxic and hazardous chemicals were improperly stored on the property resulting in active and potential pollution to the Waters of the Commonwealth. [Chemicals such as copper ammonia sulfate, paint solvents, arsenic pentoxide, pesticides, copper naphtholate, and other unknown compounds were stored in broken bags and/or leaking barrels which in some cases had no lids.] There was evidence of chemicals spilled on the surface of the ground and piles of spilled powdered chemicals completely exposed to the weather. Depressions down slope from the chemical storage areas contained discolored waste liquids from runoff. There was an active discharge of industrial wastes from the one chemical storage area into the Waters of the Commonwealth at the time of inspection.

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Trooper Powell took at least a dozen polaroid pictures of the improperly stored hazardous chemicals and are presently in the possession of Wayne Lynn. This Department collected four (4) samples of waste from the premises which were sent to Harrisburg via Trooper Powell for analysis.

Furthermore, a disabled flat bed truck containing about forty (40) barrels full of solvents was situated on the bank of a drainage course, thus a serious potential pollution problem in its own right.

This Department has been in contact with Terry Fabian of your office and recommended to him that the strongest possible enforcement action be taken in concert with the Solid Waste Coordinator to eliminate the violations occurring at the site. Specifically, we recommend that the waste pools on the premises be pumped out and removed from the site, all liquid and solid waste chemicals spilled on the ground surface be cleaned up and removed, all broken bags of chemicals and leaky or uncaped barrels be removed from the site and the flat bed truck containing barrels be relocated so as not to be a threat to State Waters. Further action must be taken to assure that if this site is going to be used for storage of chemicals that a pollution incident prevention program be submitted by the company and approved before any further storage of chemicals is permitted at this site.

A sketch map of the area is attached for your reference.

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